

AGENDA
of the
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
of the
SANTA BARBARA METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT
A Public Agency
550 Olive Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93101
Tuesday, April 13, 2004
8:30 a.m.

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Roll Call of the Board of Directors**
Chair John Britton; Vice Chair Olivia Rodriguez; Secretary Brian Fahnestock; and Directors: David Davis and Lee Moldaver
3. **Report Regarding Posting of Agenda**
4. **Approval of Prior Minutes (action may be taken)**
The Board will be asked to waive the reading of and approve the minutes for the meeting of March 30, 2004.
5. **Cash Report (action may be taken-attachment)**
The Board will be asked to approve the cash report from March 23 through April 5, 2004.
6. **Public Comment**
Members of the public may address the Board on items within the jurisdiction of the Board that are not scheduled for public hearing. The time allotted per speaker will be at the discretion of the Board Chair. If you wish to address the Board under this item number, please complete and deliver to the MTD Board Clerk **before the meeting is convened**, a "Request to Speak" form including a description of the subject you wish to address.
7. **Federal Earmarked Funds for Cold Weather Testing (action may be taken)**
The Board will discuss the disbursement of Federal Transportation Administration (FTA) funds earmarked for the cold weather testing of the Stingray.
8. **Discussion of Formation of *Ad Hoc* Committees (action may be taken)**
The Board will be asked to approve the creation of an *ad hoc* Union Negotiation & Financial Advisory Committee.
9. **Resolution 04-4 Renewal of Contract with Santa Barbara Bank and Trust for "Deposit of Moneys" (action may be taken-attachment)**
The Board will be asked to approve an update to the existing "Deposit of Moneys" contract with the Santa Barbara Bank and Trust.
10. **General Manager's Report/Update (attachment-no action will be taken)**
 1. Discussion of the City of Santa Barbara's proposal to increase the fare on the Downtown Waterfront Electric Shuttle.
 2. Pocket Map & Guide
 3. E-Bus demonstration of a hybrid bus
 4. Public Meetings Schedule for Input on proposed September 2004 changes
11. **Recruiter for General Manager Position (action may be taken)**
The Board will consider proposals of professional services regarding the recruitment of MTD General Manager.
12. **Other Business and Committee Reports**
13. **Conflict of Interest Code (action may be taken)**
The Board will be asked to approve the revised Conflict of Interest Code.
14. **Closed Session: (action may be taken)**
The Board will recess to a closed session pursuant to Government Code §54956.8, conference with real property negotiators regarding the MTD Calle Real Property, APNs Book 59, Page 14, Parcels 4, 5 & 6, and Book 67, page 23,

Parcel 6, concerning price and terms of payment; agency negotiator Doug Large; other negotiating parties; Housing Authority of County of Santa Barbara, Martin Farell Homes, and Investec Capital Inc.

15. Adjournment

SPEAKERS: Any person wishing to speak to an item on the Agenda should complete and deliver to the Board Clerk a “Request to Speak” form **before the meeting is convened**. The Chair may limit the time allowed to speak.

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT: If you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact the MTD Administrative Office at 963-3364 at least **48 hours in advance** of the meeting to allow time for MTD to attempt a reasonable accommodation.

**Santa Barbara Metropolitan Transit District
Cash Report
Board Meeting of April 13, 2004
For the Period March 23, 2004 through April 5, 2004**

MONEY MARKET

Beginning Balance March 23, 2004 **\$2,546,902.78**

SB-325 (LTF)	508,976.18	
Passenger Fares	135,198.52	
Accounts Receivable	20,263.03	
Advertising & Prepaid	4,950.00	
Interest Income	2,061.65	
Miscellaneous	1,458.32	
Total Deposits		672,907.70

Bank Fee - March 04	(4,742.89)	
ACH Pension Transfer	(23,980.40)	
ACH Tax Deposit	(113,924.26)	
Workers Comp Trsf Mar 04	(122,538.15)	
Operations Transfer	(157,612.25)	
Payroll Transfer	(203,462.51)	
Total Disbursements		(626,260.46)

Ending Balance **\$2,593,550.02**

Total Cash and Investments as of April 5, 2004: **\$2,593,550.02**

COMPOSITION OF CASH BALANCE

Working Capital	1,516,742.29	
WC / Liability Reserves	1,076,807.73	
Total Cash Balance		\$2,593,550.02

Santa Barbara Metropolitan Transit District Accounts Payable

Check #	Date	Company	Description	Amount	Voids
78105	3/25/04	ASPEN PUBLISHERS, INC.	HR EMPLOYER'S GUIDE	99.61	
78106	3/25/04	BOONE PRINTING, INC.	PUBLIC CARDS	377.70	
78107	3/25/04	CARDONA, MIKE	PER DIEM	118.36	
78108	3/25/04	CAR PARTS OF SANTA BARBARA	SHOP SUPPLIES	19.18	
78109	3/25/04	CHANNEL CITY ENGINEERING DBA	BUS REPAIRS	135.00	
78110	3/25/04	COAST MACHINE & SUPPLY, INC.	BUS PARTS	3,658.01	
78111	3/25/04	CINTAS	FIRST AID SUPPLIES	153.29	
78112	3/25/04	DEPARTMENT OF CHILD SUPPORT	PR GARNISHMENT	739.39	
78113	3/25/04	DEAILE, MARY	PR GARNISHMENT	129.23	
78114	3/25/04	DISTRICT ATTORNEY-S.B.	PR GARNISHMENT	876.58	
78115	3/25/04	DONS INDUSTRIAL	BUS PARTS/SHOP SUPPLIES	317.50	
78116	3/25/04	ENTRO INTERNATIONAL LLC	BUS PARTS	472.80	
78117	3/25/04	FISHER, SHERRIE	REIMBURSEMENT	93.04	
78118	3/25/04	FLEMING & ASSOCIATES	WORKERS COMP ADMINISTRATION	2,500.00	
78119	3/25/04	GIBBS INTERNATIONAL TRUCKS	BUS PARTS/SUPPLIES	4,010.89	
78120	3/25/04	GILLIG CORPORATION	BUS REPAIRS	30,023.52	
78121	3/25/04	GRAINGER, INC.	BUS PARTS	73.70	
78122	3/25/04	GRAYBAR ELECTRIC COMPANY, INC.	BUS STOP REPAIRS	25.98	
78123	3/25/04	HOME IMPROVEMENT CTR.	BUS STOP/B&G REPAIRS & SUPPLIES	94.45	
78124	3/25/04	UNITED STATES TREASURY	PR GARNISHMENT	1,215.54	
78125	3/25/04	NATIONAL AUTO BODY & PAINT INC.	BUS REPAIRS	7,659.73	
78126	3/25/04	PREVOST CAR INC.- CREDIT DEPT.	BUS PARTS	1,476.82	
78127	3/25/04	PETRO-DIAMOND INC.	DIESEL FUEL	9,301.27	
78128	3/25/04	PLATINUM PLUS FOR BUSINESS	MISC. EXPENSES	53.59	
78129	3/25/04	PRE-EMPLOYMENT BACKGROUND	PRE-EMPLOYMENT CHECK	100.00	
78130	3/25/04	REPUBLIC ELEVATOR, INC	ELEVATOR REPAIR	162.36	
78131	3/25/04	ROGERS & SHEFFIELD ATTORNEYS	LEGAL COUNSEL	271.36	
78132	3/25/04	ROCHA, SUZANNE	PR GARNISHMENT	406.08	
78133	3/25/04	SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY	PR GARNISHMENT	395.54	
78134	3/25/04	SANTA BARBARA BANK & TRUST	PR DEDUCTION	241.49	
78135	3/25/04	SB COUNTY FEDERAL CREDIT UNION	PR DEDUCTION	1,998.00	
78136	3/25/04	SB PUBLIC LIBRARY	RENTAL FOR PUBLIC MEETINGS	30.00	
78137	3/25/04	SM TIRE, CORP.	BUS TIRE MOUNTING	307.50	
78138	3/25/04	SO. CAL. EDISON CO.	UTILITIES	4,938.81	
78139	3/25/04	SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS	UTILITIES	97.31	
78140	3/25/04	SPORTWORKS NORTHWEST INC.	BIKE RACKS/PARTS	254.25	
78141	3/25/04	SB CITY OF-REFUSE/WATER	UTILITIES	347.99	

Check #	Date	Company	Description	Amount	Voids
78142	3/25/04	UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA REGENTS	RENTAL FOR PUBLIC MEETINGS	60.00	
78143	3/25/04	UNITED WAY OF SB	PR DEDUCTION	567.54	
78144	3/25/04	UNIFORM CONNECTION INC.	UNIFORMS	94.91	
78145	3/25/04	U.S. AIR CONDITIONING	B&G REPAIRS & SUPPLIES	274.76	
78146	3/25/04	VALLEY DETROIT DIESEL ALLISON	BUS PARTS	1,276.90	
78147	3/25/04	VALLEY DETROIT DIESEL ALLISON	BUS PARTS	3,047.49	
78148	3/25/04	VERIZON CALIFORNIA	TELEPHONES	1,757.17	
78149	3/25/04	TEAMSTERS UNION LOCAL NO. 186	UNION DUES	7,419.77	
78150	3/25/04	YACO SCHOLARSHIP FUND	PR DEDUCTION	56.00	
78151	3/29/04	NATIONAL INTERSTATE INS. CO.	LIABILITY INSURANCE	40,842.50	
78152	4/5/04	A.G.S. REBUILDERS, INC.	BUS PARTS	96.98	
78153	4/5/04	AT&T WIRELESS	TELEPHONES	78.11	
78154	4/5/04	AT&T	TELEPHONES	1,404.81	
78155	4/5/04	AMERICAN NAMEPLATE COMPANY	NAME BADGES	93.42	
78156	4/5/04	APTA - MEETINGS DEPARTMENT	ACCELERATED POSTAGE	38.00	
78157	4/5/04	BOB'S CANVAS SPECIALTY SHOP	US FLAG	91.59	
78158	4/5/04	CALIFORNIA ELECTRIC SUPPLY, INC.	BUS PARTS/B&G/SHOP SUPPLIES	245.57	
78159	4/5/04	COAST MACHINE & SUPPLY, INC.	BUS PARTS	2,135.97	
78160	4/5/04	CHK AMERICA INC.	SYSTEM MAP	161.63	
78161	4/5/04	COVERALL OF MID-STATE CALIF. INC	CLEANING OF CARPETS	391.17	
78162	4/5/04	DEPARTMENT OF CHILD SUPPORT	PR GARNISHMENT	739.39	
78163	4/5/04	BP DAVIS MANAGEMENT	CONTRACT LABOR	3,456.25	
78164	4/5/04	DEBONE ELECTRIC DBA	ELECTRICAL REPAIR	332.50	
78165	4/5/04	DEAILE, MARY	PR GARNISHMENT	129.23	
78166	4/5/04	DISTRICT ATTORNEY-S.B.	PR GARNISHMENT	1,090.90	
78167	4/5/04	DOCUPRODUCTS CORPORATION	COPIER LEASE/COPIES/SUPPLIES	1,213.19	
78168	4/5/04	DOWNTOWN ORGANIZATION, INC.	RENEW MEMBERSHIP	500.00	
78169	4/5/04	ELECTRIO-MECHANICAL REPAIR, INC.	BUS PARTS & REPAIRS	886.17	
78170	4/5/04	FLEET CAPITAL LEASING-GVF TROY	COPIER LEASE	377.13	
78171	4/5/04	GE GROUP LIFE ASSURANCE	LIFE INSURANCE	969.42	
78172	4/5/04	GIBBS INTERNATIONAL TRUCKS	BUS PARTS/SUPPLIES	230.62	
78173	4/5/04	GOLETA WATER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	38.90	
78174	4/5/04	GRAINGER, INC.	BUS PARTS	112.49	
78175	4/5/04	GOLETA VALLEY COMMUNITY	RENTAL FOR PUBLIC MEETING	15.00	
78176	4/5/04	HOME IMPROVEMENT CTR.	BUS STOP/B&G REPAIRS & SUPPLIES	121.80	
78177	4/5/04	UNITED STATES TREASURY	PR GARNISHMENT	1,160.93	
78178	4/5/04	IBM MAINTENANCE & WARRANTY	COMPUTER SOFTWARE	183.18	
78179	4/5/04	LADD INDUSTRIES	BUS PARTS	159.71	
78180	4/5/04	MGB INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY	BUS/B&G/SHOP SUPPLIES	445.25	
78181	4/5/04	MARCELO PACHECO	TOOL ALLOWANCE	800.00	

Check #	Date	Company	Description	Amount	Voids
78182	4/5/04	MUZICRAFT	TC CONTRACT MAINTENANCE	35.00	
78183	4/5/04	NEXTEL COMMUNICATIONS	CELL PHONES	513.28	
78184	4/5/04	OFFICEMAX	OFFICE SUPPLIES	61.87	
78185	4/5/04	PASO ROBLES TRUCK CENTER CORP.	BUS PARTS	91.52	
78186	4/5/04	PANASONIC DIGITAL INC.	COPIER LEASE	58.19	
78187	4/5/04	ROCHA, SUZANNE	PR GARNISHMENT	406.08	
78188	4/5/04	SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY	PR GARNISHMENT	395.54	
78189	4/5/04	SANTA BARBARA BANK & TRUST	PR DEDUCTION	236.49	
78190	4/5/04	SB COUNTY FEDERAL CREDIT UNION	PR DEDUCTION	1,998.00	
78191	4/5/04	S B INDUSTRIAL MEDICAL GROUP	MEDICAL EXAMS	2,376.40	
78192	4/5/04	SERVICE MASTER OF SANTA	TC JANITORIAL SERV./SUPPLIES	430.25	
78193	4/5/04	SOFTCHOICE CORP, INC.	COMPUTER SOFTWARE	1,449.42	
78194	4/5/04	SB CITY OF-REFUSE/WATER	UTILITIES	264.28	
78195	4/5/04	SB CITY COLLEGE - DISTRICT 52	PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT	195.50	
78196	4/5/04	UNISOURCE MAINT SUPPLY SYSTEMS	BUS CLEANING & SHOP SUPPLIES	786.38	
78197	4/5/04	UNITED PARCEL SERVICE	FREIGHT CHARGES	188.83	
78198	4/5/04	UNIVERSAL FLEET SUPPLY INC.	BUS PARTS	534.77	
78199	4/5/04	VALLEY POWER SYSTEMS, INC.	BUS PARTS	1,164.46	
78200	4/5/04	TEAMSTERS UNION LOCAL NO. 186	UNION DUES	153.77	
				157,612.25	
				Current Cash Report Voided Checks:	0.00
				Prior Cash Report Voided Checks:	0.00
				Grand Total:	\$157,612.25

**Santa Barbara Metropolitan Transit District
Cash Receipts of Accounts**

Date	Company	Description	Amount
3/23/04	City of SB - Passes/Tokens	Passes/Token Sales	5,382.50
3/25/04	Harbor of Santa Barbara	Advertising on Buses	1,833.33
3/26/04	City of SB - Passes/Tokens	Passes/Token Sales	4,000.00
4/2/04	Santa Barbara Bank & Trust	Advertising on buses	6,757.50
4/5/04	Gold's Gym	Advertising on Buses	2,000.00
4/5/04	Rubino, John & Eileen	Health Insurance	289.70
Total Accounts Receivable Paid During Period			\$20,263.03

BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORT

MEETING DATE: APRIL 13, 2004

AGENDA ITEM #: 9

TYPE: ACTION

PREPARED BY: JERRY ESTRADA

Signature

REVIEWED BY: GENERAL MANAGER

GM Signature

SUBJECT: CONTRACT FOR "DEPOSIT OF MONEYS"

DISCUSSION:

A contract for the "Deposit of Moneys" exists between Santa Barbara Metropolitan Transit District (MTD) and Santa Barbara Bank and Trust. The contract has existed for many years and is consistent with federal laws. During a recent federal audit, auditors advised Santa Barbara Bank & Trust to update its contract with MTD. The existing contract was executed on February 12, 1998. The agreement requires that all funds deposited by MTD be collateralized. Below is language from the Public Utilities Code section 95536 relating to this matter:

"95536. With the consent of the board, the general manager may:

(a) Authorize the trust department of any state or national bank in this state, or a trust company authorized to act as such in this state, to receive as his agent deposits of any securities acquired by the district.

(b) Place and maintain for safekeeping as a trust deposit with the trust department of any state or national banks in this state, or a trust company authorized to act as such in this state, any securities owned by the district.

The bank or trust company selected shall have a total paid-in capital of at least one million dollars (\$1,000,000). The general manager shall take from the trust department or trust company a receipt for the securities, and neither the general manager nor the district is responsible for the custody and safe return of the securities until they are withdrawn from the trust department or trust company by the general manager. Any trust department or trust company to which securities are delivered, either as agent or depository for the general manager, shall make such deposition of the securities as the general manager directs and is responsible only for strict compliance with written instructions given to it by the general manager. All such securities are at all times subject to the order of the general manager."

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Board of Directors approve resolution 04-4 authorizing the General Manager to enter into a new contract with Santa Barbara Bank & Trust for the "Deposit of Moneys".

RESOLUTION
of the
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
of the
SANTA BARBARA METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT

IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT
FOR THE DEPOSIT OF MONEYS APPROVED ON
APRIL 13, 2004

RESOLUTION NO. 04-4

WHEREAS, the Santa Barbara Metropolitan Transit District (MTD) has a contract for the "Deposit of Moneys" with Santa Barbara Bank and Trust, effective February 12, 1998; and

WHEREAS, the MTD and Santa Barbara Bank and Trust desire to renew their contract for the "Deposit of Moneys".

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the MTD hereby authorizes the General Manager to enter into a contract with Santa Barbara Bank and Trust effective April 13, 2004

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Santa Barbara Metropolitan Transit District this 13th day of April, 2004, by the following vote:

AYES: _____

NAYS: _____

ABSENT: _____

Chair, Board of Directors

ATTEST:

Secretary, Board of Directors

To: Chair Britton
Members of SBMTD Board of Directors
From: Sherrie Fisher, Interim General Manager
Date: 4/9/2004
Subject: Administrative Update

New Gillig buses continue to arrive on property at the rate of one or two per week. Last week, the first of the Villager replacements (a 29-foot Gillig bus) arrived. If you have time before or after the meeting, please step out the back door to view this new low-floor vehicle that includes two wheelchair positions, an automatic ramp, a bike rack and 26 seats organized in a very comfortable configuration.

Maintenance staff has placed a **3-bike rack** on one of the new 40-foot Gilligs. This was borrowed from SportsWorks for a trial period. The rack is wider and a little longer than the 2-bike rack. We will make a recommendation within the month regarding the additional bike position.

The following is an excerpt from a **letter to CARB** written by Steve Hahn (MTD acting Manager of Materials Control) on behalf of MTD:

By July 1, 2004 MTD will have replaced 37% of the diesel fleet in the largest fleet replacement in MTD's history. Twenty of the new buses (*SF note: 15- 40-foot Gilligs and 5-MCIs*) will be equipped with the diesel particulate filters, allowing MTD to meet CARB's 2005-2007 PM emissions reduction targets early.

At the completion of this fleet replacement, 88% of MTD's diesel fleet will be of manufacture year 1998 or newer. These buses will also reduce MTD's Urban Bus NOx emissions by 33%, its HC emissions by 51% and its CO emissions by 39%.

MTD remains committed to clean diesel technologies and diesel electric hybrid (HEB) technologies for future bus replacements and fleet expansion. In order to meet the 85% PM reduction target in 2007 the MTD will need to retire the last of its 1984 Gilligs equipped with 1990 Detroit Diesel 6V-92 .6 g/bhp-hr PM engines.

The Santa Barbara City Council voted Tuesday to authorize the contract between the City and MTD for the Downtown-Waterfront Electric shuttle service (DWE). Negotiations on this contract began last summer. Good faith negotiations were conducted by both sides. MTD provided all financial information requested by the City staff and opened a dialogue that assisted both parties in understanding the issues.

Based on conversation among the council members about the DWE, MTD planning staff will review DWE service to the Harbor. Currently, the State Street shuttle travels from Sola St. down State St. with a turn around in the Dolphin Fountain and back up State. The Waterfront shuttle travels from the Zoo across Cabrillo Blvd. to the Harbor with a turn around just inside the Harbor parking lot driveway. Transfers are free between the

State Street shuttle and the Waterfront shuttle. MTD staff will coordinate with the City to gain a complete understanding of the issues raised by City Council members.

City staff provided information to the council regarding the South Coast Transit Priorities (SCTP) status as part of the DWE discussion. A short conversation ensued related to the SCTP with a request to bring back more complete information in the future.

City of Santa Barbara staff is presenting information to the City's Transportation and Circulation Committee (TCC) on April 8th seeking review of a possible fifty-cent shuttle fare. The structure of the contract with the City is that the MTD regular cash fare of \$1.25 (\$.60 for senior/disabled) applies to the shuttle service. Based on the contribution from the City, that fare is currently "bought down" to \$.25. The contract allows the City to determine the amount of fare reduction. I have placed this on the agenda under the General Manager report to give you an opportunity for discussion.

(Lee Moldaver, Steve Maas and I just left this meeting. We will update you at the board meeting.)

Lee Moldaver joined Steve Maas and me at a meeting with **City of Goleta** (Steve Wagner, Public Works Director, and Cynthia Brock, Mayor.) We reviewed the **South Coast Transit Priorities**, in particular discussing a possible shuttle service from Old Town Goleta to the Fairview/Calle Real shopping and housing areas.

MTD Operations and Marketing staff met with Rick Alvarado of Santa Barbara Police Department (SBPD) in our ongoing effort to defeat graffiti and resolve concerns regarding unsafe student behavior on MTD buses. Officer Alvarado expressed the full support of the PD. Lynnette Coverly, Manager of Marketing and Gary Johns, Manager of Operations continue to work closely with drivers and schools on these issues.

In a separate action (and as we do several times a year) related to safety and security coordination, we loaned a bus to the Department's SWAT team for practice.

MTD and **Easy Lift** staff continue to analyze any cost savings that can be realized by additional cooperation between the two agencies. A minor example is the formation of a consortium related to testing for drug and alcohol that took place last year.

Steve Maas and I have been attending meetings of the 101-in-motion Technical Advisory Group as well as the public outreach sessions. Attendees at each session have recommended additional express bus service as well as increased local service. Rail and watercraft are also on the list. MTD planning staff continues to review opportunities to help resolve the 101 transportation issues. A source of funding would need to be identified for additional express service and/or service to and from rail or water.

I provided a short update to the **South Coast Subregional Planning Committee of SBCAG** on April 7 regarding the SCTP and unmet transit needs. We were also pleased to be able to report to SBCAG by letter that: (a) new 29-foot Gillig buses with additional

positions for wheelchairs will soon be in use at Fairview; (b) additional service to Fairview Center is under review as an SCTP route; (c) four short trips per Sunday will be provided on Line 14 to serve Presidio Springs residents; and (d) bike racks will be included on the new 40' and new 29' buses.

I have appointed **Jerry Estrada** as (acting) **Assistant General Manager**, thus designating that he is in the position of authority during any vacation or other absence of mine. He incorporates leadership, dedication to MTD and logical thinking in his daily work here at MTD. Please join me in thanking Mr. Estrada for accepting this increased responsibility.

Last week David Damiano and Paul Tumbleson met with representatives from the County Solid Waste Department, Goleta Public Works, BFI, and Marborg to establish a trash pick-up policy for the MTD. I am pleased to report that the meeting was a great success. **MTD is no longer in the trash hauling business** at any of our bus stop locations in our service area. Both BFI and Marborg agreed to immediately begin servicing all MTD trash receptacles at no cost to MTD. As a thank you to them, we plan to place signs inside MTD buses and send a letter to the City and County boards. This change allows our one bus stop maintenance employee, Francisco Gama to focus on actual placement and maintenance of the equipment at the stops.

MTD continues to be recognized as a leader in electric vehicle technology throughout the nation. A federal earmark of **\$300,000 from the Bus and Bus Facilities** account has been granted to MTD for cold-weather testing of the Stingray bus and propulsion system. The Stingray, on lease to MTD by ETI, would be loaned to Duluth, MN for this process. Due to MTD's limited staff and the public perception of the relationship between ETI, Bus Works and MTD, I recommend that MTD help facilitate the award of this earmark to another grantee.

The **Transit Center** celebrates its 30th birthday next month. A party is planned for May 15th between 10:00 A.M. and 2:00 P.M. We will be celebrating with balloons and chocolates. Board members and other interested parties are encouraged to attend the celebration.

On a sad personal note, **Lou Zeluck (former MTD board chair/member)** died after a serious auto accident last Saturday. Lou contributed to the board for many years and was particularly known for his strong work ethic, business knowledge and his candor.